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EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED BY MAIL THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, ADDRESSED AS A TELEGRAM TO SENATOR KENNEDY: QUOTE

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY ATHENS, JUNE 9, 1977

"CHIRMAN REFUGEE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE" CAPITOLE HILL WASHINGTON DC

OUR DEAR SIR SENATOR KENNEDY FROM THE DEEPNESS OF OUR HEART ACCEPT OUR REGARDS STOP WE ARE THE 78 DESPERATE ASSYRIAN AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES FROM GREECE WHO WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY INS AFTER THE LAST RECONSIDERATION STOP WE NOW HAVE OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAN AN INDEFINITE SEPARATION FROM OUR ONLY PARENTS AND CLOSE RELATIVES WHO ARE ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN AMERICA STOP BY THIS DECISION WE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE CONDEMNED TO LIVE UNDER MISERABLE AND INHUMAN CONDITIONS AND WAIT FOR A LONG TIME IN DISPAIR UNTIL OUR PARENTS OBTAIN THE AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP STOP WE COME KNOCKING TO YOUR HUMANITY DOOR TO OPEN IT TO US AND SAVE US FROM THIS MISERABLE SITUATION STOP ALL OUR HOPES REST WITH YOU SENATTOR KENNEDY AS WE REMEMBER YOUR WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WHEN YOU VISITED OUR REFUGEE CAMP IN ATHENS EARLY NOVEMBER LAST YEAR STOP YOU CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND US AND

REALIZE WHAT IT WOULD MEAN FOR US TO GO AFTER NEARLY SIXTEEN MONTHS OF MORAL SUFFERING BACK TO THE STARTING POINT WHERE NOT EVEN THE SECURITY OF OUR CHILDREN CAN REALY BE GUARANTEED AND WHERE OUR PROSPECTS CAN BY NECESSITY ONLY BE DISCRIMINATION AND DESPERATE FIGHT FOR BARE LIFE STOP PLEASE SENATOR KENNEDY WE ARE ALL ASKING FROM THE MOUTH OF OUR INNOCENT CHILDREN WHO ARE PRAYING THE MIGHTY GOD TO KEEP YOU IN THE BEST OF HEALTH STOP THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH HEAD OF FAMILY AL TAMINI ASADOURIAN AZIZ BABLANIAN BEDROSSIAN BOROIAN CHICHIKA DINKHA DANIEL GOURGHOUNIAN HAITAYAN JAMIL JANERIAN JOULAKI KHALIL KHAMMO LAFTA LAZAR MAKSOOD MALHAM MIKAELIAN MESHOU PUTRUS RASHOU SALIBA SAWA SHAMOON STEPANIAN YAKO YOUNAN YOUSSIF ZIA STOP OUR ADDRESS IS HOTEL HELLENIKON 76 KING GEORGE AVE ALIMOS ATHENS GREECE STOP COPIES OF OUR HEARTLY MESSAGE TO YOU ARE SENT TO THE US EMBASSY ATHENS UNHCR WCC AND ICMC GENEVA AND ATHENS ALSO TO AUA AND ANCHA THE 78 ASSYRIAN AND ARMENIAN REFUGGES IN GREECE UNQUOTE. KUBISCH

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